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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: --This is a nationalization of PCT/EP00/04003 filed May 4, 2000 and published in German.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 12 through line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Preferably the sample to be analyzed is prepared in several steps. An internal standard (s.o) is added to the body fluid and/or the tissue; the mixture, obtained according to this step, is hydrolyzed. Then at least one alkali hydroxide and at least one alkali carbonate are added to the hydrolyzed mixture. The product from this step is treated with a reagent eliminating the disturbing substance, and finally the cis-4-hydroxyproline and its derivative content is analyzed quantitatively. In this respect, it has proved advantageous that the hydrolysis in the presence of a strong mineral acid, in particular hydrochloric acid, occurs at a raised temperature, preferably between 80 degrees C and 120 degrees C, in particular preferably at a temperature of approximately 100 degrees C. Similarly it is especially--

not complete paragraph